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YARN TIE HAVING A METAL INSERT AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

AMENDNENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 14, 2008, applicants hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 2-7, 10, and 11 for continued examination, with traverse.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.